

private sector mandates, and for other purposes.

S. 474

At the request of Mr. KYL, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. HELMS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 474, a bill to amend sections 1081 and 1084 of title 18, United States Code.

S. 852

At the request of Mr. LOTT, the name of the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. THOMAS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 852, a bill to establish nationally uniform requirements regarding the titling and registration of salvage, non-repairable, and rebuilt vehicles.

S. 1413

At the request of Mr. LUGAR, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1413, a bill to provide a framework for consideration by the legislative and executive branches of unilateral economic sanctions.

S. 1427

At the request of Mr. FORD, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. DORGAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1427, a bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to require the Federal Communications Commission to preserve lowpower television stations that provide community broadcasting, and for other purposes.

S. 1890

At the request of Mr. DASCHLE, the name of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. HOLLINGS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1890, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act and the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to protect consumers in managed care plans and other health coverage.

S. 1891

At the request of Mr. DASCHLE, the name of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. HOLLINGS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1891, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to protect consumers in managed care plans and other health coverage.

S. 1968

At the request of Mr. FORD, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. KERREY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1968, a bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to implement a pilot program to improve access to the national transportation system for small communities, and for other purposes.

S. 2022

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2022, a bill to provide for the improvement of interstate criminal justice identification, information, communications, and forensics.

S. 2145

At the request of Mr. SHELBY, the names of the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SESSIONS), the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. HUTCHINSON), and the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAIG) were added as cosponsors of S. 2145, a bill to modernize the requirements under the Na-

tional Manufactured Housing Construction and Safety Standards Act of 1974 and to establish a balanced consensus process for the development, revision, and interpretation of Federal construction and safety standards for manufactured homes.

S. 2190

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. SARBANES) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2190, a bill to authorize qualified organizations to provide technical assistance and capacity building services to microenterprise development organizations and programs and to disadvantaged entrepreneurs using funds from the Community Development Financial Institutions Fund, and for other purposes.

S. 2220

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. FEINGOLD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2220, a bill to provide the President with expedited Congressional consideration of line item vetoes of appropriations and targeted tax benefits.

S. 2222

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. GLENN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2222, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to repeal the financial limitation on rehabilitation services under part B of the Medicare Program.

S. 2295

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2295, a bill to amend the Older Americans Act of 1965 to extend the authorizations of appropriations for that Act, and for other purposes.

S. 2316

At the request of Mr. MCCONNELL, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. GLENN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2316, a bill to require the Secretary of Energy to submit to Congress a plan to ensure that all amounts accrued on the books of the United States Enrichment Corporation for the disposition of depleted uranium hexafluoride will be used to treat and recycle depleted uranium hexafluoride.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 50

At the request of Mr. BOND, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) was added as a cosponsor of Senate Joint Resolution 50, a joint resolution to disapprove the rule submitted by the Health Care Financing Administration, Department of Health and Human Services on June 1, 1998, relating to surety bond requirements for home health agencies under the medicare and medicaid programs.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 105

At the request of Mr. D'AMATO, the names of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN), the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. DOMENICI), the Senator from New York (Mr. MOYNIHAN), the Senator from Iowa (Mr. GRASSLEY), the Senator from North Carolina (Mr.

HELMS), the Senator from Illinois (Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN), the Senator from Michigan (Mr. ABRAHAM), the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE), the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WARNER), the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN), the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG), the Senator from Alaska (Mr. MURKOWSKI), the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS), and the Senator from Oregon (Mr. SMITH) were added as cosponsors of Senate Concurrent Resolution 105, a concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress regarding the culpability of Slobodan Milosevic for war crimes, crimes against humanity, and genocide in the former Yugoslavia, and for other purposes.

SENATE RESOLUTION 189

At the request of Mr. TORRICELLI, the names of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. CAMPBELL), the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CLELAND), the Senator from Nevada (Mr. BRYAN), the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. DOMENICI), the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUE), the Senator from Maryland (Mr. SARBANES), the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY), the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN), the Senator from Oregon (Mr. SMITH), and the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 189, a resolution honoring the 150th anniversary of the United States Women's Rights Movement that was initiated by the 1848 Women's Rights Convention held in Seneca Falls, New York, and calling for a national celebration of women's rights in 1998.

SENATE RESOLUTION 193

At the request of Mr. REID, the names of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. DOMENICI), the Senator from Alaska (Mr. MURKOWSKI), the Senator from Oregon (Mr. SMITH), the Senator from New Hampshire (Mr. SMITH), the Senator from Indiana (Mr. COATS), the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. ENZI), the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. HAGEL), the Senator from Colorado (Mr. CAMPBELL), and the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 193, a resolution designating December 13, 1998, as "National Children's Memorial Day."

#### AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 1999

#### GRASSLEY (AND OTHERS) AMENDMENT NO. 3172

Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. BROWBACK, and Mr. BOND) proposed an amendment to the bill (S. 2159) making

appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, and for other purposes; as follows:

On page 67, after line 23, add the following:

**SEC. 7. SENSE OF THE SENATE CONCERNING APPROPRIATE ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN TO ALLEVIATE THE ECONOMIC EFFECT OF LOW COMMODITY PRICES.**

It is the sense of the Senate that—

(1) Congress should pass and the President should sign S. 1269, which would reauthorize fast-track trading authority for the President;

(2) Congress should pass and the President should sign S. 2078, the Farm and Ranch Risk Management Act, which would allow farmers and ranchers to better prepare for fluctuations in the agricultural economy;

(3) the House of Representatives should follow the Senate and provide full funding for the International Monetary Fund;

(4) Congress should pass and the President should sign sanctions reform legislation so that the agricultural economy of the United States is not harmed by sanctions on foreign trade;

(5) Congress should uphold the presidential waiver of the Jackson-Vanik amendment to the 1974 Trade Act providing normal trade relations status for China and continue to pursue normal trade relations with China;

(6) the House and Senate should continue to pursue a package of capital gains and estate tax reforms;

(7) the President should pursue stronger oversight on all international trade agreements affecting agriculture and commerce dispute settlement procedures when countries are found to be violating such trade agreements;

(8) the President should sign legislation providing full deductibility of health care insurance for self-employed individuals; and

(9) the Congress and the administration should pursue efforts to reduce regulations on farmers. The President should use the administrative tools available to him to use Commodity Credit Corporation and Unused Export Enhancement Program funds for humanitarian assistance.

CONRAD (AND OTHERS)  
AMENDMENT NO. 3173

Mr. CONRAD (for himself, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. CLELAND, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. HOLLINGS, Mr. WELLSTONE, Mr. BURNS, Mr. JOHNSON, and Mr. KERREY) proposed an amendment to the bill, S. 2159, *supra*; as follows:

On page 29, after line 21, add the following:

RESERVE INVENTORIES

For the reserve established under section 813 of the Agricultural Act of 1970 (7 U.S.C. 1427a), \$500,000,000: *Provided*, That the entire amount shall be available only to the extent that the President submits to Congress an official budget request for a specific dollar amount that includes designation of the entire amount of the request as an emergency requirement for the purposes of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 (2 U.S.C. 900 et seq.): *Provided further*, That the entire amount of funds necessary to carry out this paragraph is designated by Congress as an emergency requirement under section 251(b)(2)(A) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 (2 U.S.C. 901(b)(2)(A)).

On page 67, after line 23, add the following:

**SEC. 7. RESERVE INVENTORIES.**

Section 813 of the Agricultural Act of 1970 (7 U.S.C. 1427a) is amended—

(1) in the first sentence of subsection (a), by inserting “of agricultural producers” after “distress”;

(2) in subsection (c), by inserting “the Secretary or” after “President or”; and

(3) in subsection (h)—

(A) by striking “(h) There is hereby” and inserting the following:

“(h) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—There are”; and

“(2) USE OF FUNDS FOR CASH PAYMENTS.—The Secretary may use funds made available under this section to make, in a manner consistent with this section, cash payments that don’t go for crop disasters, but for income loss to carry out the purposes of this section.”.

UNITED STATES PATENT AND  
TRADEMARK ORGANIZATION ACT  
OF 1998

LEAHY AMENDMENT NO. 3174

(Ordered to lie on the table.)

Mr. LEAHY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill (S. 507), to establish the United States Patent and Trademark Organization as a Government corporation, to amend the provisions of title 35, United States code, relating to procedures for patent applications, commercial use of patents, reexamination reform, and for other purposes; as follows:

On page 106, line 1, strike all through line 6 on page 176 and insert the following:

**TITLE I—UNITED STATES PATENT AND  
TRADEMARK ORGANIZATION**

**SEC. 101. SHORT TITLE.**

This title may be cited as the “United States Patent and Trademark Organization Act of 1998”.

**Subtitle A—Establishment of the United  
States Patent and Trademark Organization**

**SEC. 111. ESTABLISHMENT OF THE UNITED  
STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK  
ORGANIZATION AS A GOVERNMENT  
CORPORATION.**

(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The United States Patent and Trademark Organization is established as a wholly owned Government corporation subject to chapter 91 of title 31, separate from any department, and shall be an agency of the United States under the policy direction of the Secretary of Commerce.

(b) OFFICES.—The United States Patent and Trademark Organization shall maintain its principal office in the District of Columbia, or the metropolitan area thereof, for the service of process and papers and for the purpose of carrying out its powers, duties, and obligations under this title. The United States Patent and Trademark Organization shall be deemed, for purposes of venue in civil actions, to be a resident of the district in which its principal office is located except where jurisdiction is otherwise provided by law. The United States Patent and Trademark Organization may establish satellite offices in such places within the United States as it considers necessary and appropriate in the conduct of its business.

(c) REFERENCE.—For purposes of this title, a reference to the “Organization” shall be a reference to the United States Patent and

Trademark Organization, unless the context provides otherwise.

**SEC. 112. POWERS AND DUTIES.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—The United States Patent and Trademark Organization, under the policy direction of the Secretary of Commerce, shall be responsible for—

(1) the examination of patents and the trademark applications;

(2) in support of the Under Secretary for Intellectual Property Policy, assisting with studies, programs, or exchanges of items or services regarding domestic and international patent and trademark law, the administration of the Organization, or any other function vested in the Organization by law, including programs to recognize, identify, assess, and forecast the technology of patented inventions and their utility to industry;

(3)(A) in support of the Under Secretary for Intellectual Property Policy, assisting with studies and programs cooperatively with foreign patent and trademark offices and international organizations, in connection with the granting and issuing of patents and the registration of trademarks; and

(B) with the concurrence of the Secretary of State, authorizing the transfer of not to exceed \$100,000 in any year to the Department of State for the purpose of making special payments to international intergovernmental organizations for studies and programs for advancing international cooperation concerning patents, trademarks, and related matters; and

(4) disseminating to the public information with respect to patents and trademarks.

(b) SPECIAL PAYMENTS.—The special payments under subsection (a)(3)(B) may be in addition to any other payments or contributions to international organizations and shall not be subject to any limitations imposed by law on the amounts of such other payments or contributions by the United States Government.

(c) SPECIFIC POWERS.—The Organization—

(1) shall have perpetual succession;

(2) may indemnify the Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Organization, the Commissioner of Patents, the Commissioner of Trademarks, and other officers, attorneys, agents, and employees (including members of the Management Advisory Boards of the Patent Office and the Trademark Office) of the Organization for liabilities and expenses incurred within the scope of their employment;

(3) may adopt, amend, and repeal bylaws, rules, regulations, and determinations, which—

(A) shall govern the manner in which its business will be conducted and the powers granted to it by law will be exercised; and

(B) shall be made after notice and opportunity for full participation by interested public and private parties;

(4)(A) may acquire, construct, purchase, lease, hold, manage, operate, improve, alter, and renovate any real, personal, or mixed property, or any interest therein, as it considers necessary to carry out its functions; and

(B) sell, lease, grant, and dispose of such property as it considers necessary to effectuate the purposes of this Act;

(5)(A) may make such purchases, contracts for the construction, maintenance, or management and operation of facilities, and contracts for supplies or services, without regard to the provisions of the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 (40 U.S.C. 471 et seq.), the Public Buildings Act (40 U.S.C. 601 et seq.), and the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11301 et seq.); and

(B) may enter into and perform such purchases and contracts for printing services,